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LOK SABHA

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INCENTIVES TO STATES FOR PERFORMING WELL IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to give incentives to the States for performing well in the field of rural development and poverty alleviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some States which have shown better performance during the last few years have faced cut in their allocations; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 582 due for Answer on 7th May, 2002

While no Incentive Scheme in respect of better performing States (in terms of implementation of Programmes) has been introduced, additional funds (if available) are considered for release to such States (towards the close of the financial year) under various Rural Development Programmes, subject to:-

(i) The State concerned has received the Second Instalment of funds under the Programme and utilised 80% of the available funds.

(ii) The additional funds so released will not be counted for determining the Opening Balance for the succeeding year for the purpose of `cuts` in allocation.

2. If proposals for the Second Instalment are received after the month of December, `cuts` are applied while releasing the funds to States/UTs. Cuts have also to be applied if the Opening Balance available with the State/UT is more than the prescribed limit; proportionate financial `cuts` are applied in the case of those State/UT Governments which have not released their full share of funds.